



To all boat owners and boating enthusiasts,

9 June 2011

Recently we were very pleased to announce that the start of the eight edition of the Clipper Round The World Yacht Race will be hosted by the City of Southampton. The city will host the ten-strong Clipper fleet and 180 crew from Thursday 28 July until the official send off on Sunday 31 July. During this period the Race Village will be set up in Ocean Village Marina next to the berthing for the fleet and you are invited to visit.

I am personally very keen to ensure that as many local boat owners, crew and general boating enthusiasts as possible have the opportunity to enjoy this event. There are three ways in which you can take advantage of this event:

1. By visiting the Race Village over the start weekend and coming down to see the departure ceremony and fleet departure from late morning on 31 July
2. By taking your boat out and joining in with the flotilla that will escort the yachts from Mayflower Park down to the start line at The Royal Yacht Squadron.
3. If you own a suitable RIB or motor boat you can offer your services as an official safety, media or race control boat.

Flotilla Arrangements

The provisional timings of the departure day on the 31 July are identified below. Full details of the flotilla control arrangements will be sent out as part of the Local Notice to Mariners and also to Yacht Clubs and Marinas over the coming weeks. These details will also be sent direct to boat owners who register their intention to take part. To register that you intend to take part in the flotilla email your boat details to the Clipper HQ on racestartflotilla@clipper-ventures.com. Your email should include as a minimum your contact email address, your name and your boat details (size and type).

Marshal, Media and Race Control Boats

To help the on water events go smoothly we are looking to find volunteers who have the use of a suitable RIB or motor boat to act as official safety marshals, media boats and Race Control boats. These boats will be required to fly official Clipper Race flags and must be willing to be placed under the control of a Chief Safety Marshal for the duration of the on water event. These boats need to have a fixed VHF with an operator qualified to RYA PB2 holding a VHF licence and be larger than 5.75m. Please use the above email address to register your interest in volunteering. A contribution will be made to the fuel used.

Provisional Timings - 31 July

- 1200: Official Send Off for Clipper Crews – stage at Ocean Village
- 1330: Clipper Race Yachts start to depart Ocean Village Marina
- 1430: Clipper formation and flotilla start to motor down Southampton Water
- 1630: Race Start at Royal Yacht Squadron (exit Solent east via forts)

With your help and attendance we can make sure that this event can be enjoyed by all.

Thank you in anticipation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Knox-Johnston'.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston CBE RD*, Chairman Clipper Ventures